

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF LIMESTONE PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 2.0 MILLION TPA TO 3.5 MILLION TPA, TOP SOIL 0.25 MILLION TPA, WASTE (OB/IB)-2.40 MILLION TPA, SUB GRADE 0.50 MILLION TPA (TOTAL EXCAVATION 6.65 MILLION TPA) ALONG WITH EXISTING CRUSHER OF 1200 TPH IN MARATHA LIMESTONE MINE-II, (ML AREA-880.31 HA) IN VILLAGES BAKHARDI, UPPARWAHI, CHANDUR, PIMPALGAON, LAKHMAPUR & THUTRA, (TEHSIL: KORPANA) & SONAPUR (TEHSIL: RAJURA), DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. AMBUJA CEMENTS LTD., MARATHA CEMENT WORKS, PO. UPPARWAHI, TAL. KORPANA, DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA.

Date : 03/02/2025
Time : 11:00 A.M.
Place : Project Site, Lakhmapur Office, M/s. Ambuja Cements Ltd.,
Maratha Limestone Mine, Vill. Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana,
Dist. Chandrapur. (Close Vicinity)

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s. Ambuja Cements Ltd., Maratha Cement Works, Po. Upparwahi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (MOEF&CC) Govt. of India, (GOI), New Delhi for permission of carrying out the study in the radius of 10 k.m. of project and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Expansion of Limestone Production Capacity from 2.0 Million TPA to 3.5 million TPA, Top Soil 0.25 Million TPA, Waste (OB/IB)-2.40 Million TPA, Sub Grade 0.50 Million TPA (Total Excavation 6.65 Million TPA) along with existing crusher of 1200 TPH in Maratha Limestone Mine-II, (ML Area-880.31 Ha) in villages Bakhardi, Upparwahi, Chandur, Pimpalgaon, Lakhmapur & Thutra, (Tehsil: Korpana) & Sonapur (Tehsil: Rajura), Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi approved Terms of Reference (TOR) was sanctioned on 12/05/2022. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environment study should be carried in the radius of 10 km from the project site before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report. As the proposed project falls under Category A-1 (a), it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s. Ambuja Cements Ltd., Maratha Cement Works, Po. Upparwahi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 25/10/2024 for conducting Environmental Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a

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public hearing on 03/02/2025. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Deshonnati" & and English newspaper "The Times of India" on dated 31/12/2024. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities. It is directed to conduct online public hearing. The meeting number and password were made available.

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- (1) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.
- (2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022.
- (3) Regional Office, and Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- (4) Collector Office, Chandrapur.
- (5) Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur.
- (6) District Industries Center, Chandrapur.
- (7) Sub-Divisional Office Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (8) Sub-Divisional Office Korpana, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (9) Tahsil Office Korpana, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (10) Tahsil Office Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (11) Municipal Council Office, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (12) Panchayat Samiti Office, Korpana, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (13) Panchayat Samiti Office, Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (14) Gram Panchayat Office, Bhendavi, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (15) Gram Panchayat Office, Hardona, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (16) Gram Panchayat Office, Isapur, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (17) Gram Panchayat Office, Mangi, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (18) Gram Panchayat Office, Sonapur, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (19) Gram Panchayat Office, Jamani, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (20) Gram Panchayat Office, Chandanwahi, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (21) Gram Panchayat Office, Naokari (Kh.), Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (22) Gram Panchayat Office, Upparwahi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (23) Gram Panchayat Office, Thutra, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (24) Gram Panchayat Office, Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (25) Gram Panchayat Office, Kukudsath, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (26) Gram Panchayat Office, Bibi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (27) Gram Panchayat Office, Nanda, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (28) Gram Panchayat Office, Chandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (29) Gram Panchayat Office, Bakhardi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (30) Gram Panchayat Office, Nimani, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (31) Gram Panchayat Office, Talodhi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (32) Gram Panchayat Office, Palgaon, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (33) Gram Panchayat Office, Pimpalgaon, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.

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(34) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: www.mpcb.gov.in

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr. No. 04 to 34 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

The public hearing was thus widely publicized following the due procedure as per the Notification, so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their views, comments, suggestions or objections with the concerned department. As per the directives, the public consultation is arranged on the project site.

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no. E-13/2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC) PH/B-250124-FTS-0174, dated 24/01/2025 as under:-

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| 1) District Magistrate, Chandrapur
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate | - | Chairman |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai
Regional Officer – Chandrapur,
MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur | - | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer-Chandrapur
MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur | - | Convener |

This office is in receipt of total 179 no. of notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any complaints, statements, objections.

The attendance sheets of the participants during the public hearing as well as the Order of the Environment Public Hearing Committee constituted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are attached herewith as **Annexure-I & II.**

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri Umashankar Bhadule, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri. D. S. Kumbhar, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Tanaji Yadav, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment

Public Hearing Committee, Convenor, Environment Public Hearing & Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, Project officials, Journalists, NGOs working in the field of environment and local people who were present in large number and informed all the procedure of the public hearing. He appealed all the participants to raise views, doubts, ideas, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. He said that the public hearing is organized only for the local people and project affected persons, so that the environmental issues and doubts would be resolved.

Convenor of the meeting further informed that this meeting is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted along with Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly.

Convenor of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video is being shot and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village.

With the permission of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Convenor asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

- Project Area, Latitude-Longitude, Map, Submerged Area, Beneficiary Area, Forest Area, Project; Features, Project Significance, Consequences; Land Use, Earthquake Stability;
- Project objectives, social status, employment opportunities, development of farmers due to the project;
- Project analysis, summary, findings;
- Analysis of social and economic status
- Information about air, water, land, sound, project affected areas etc.
- Impact and management of air, water, displacement, biodiversity due to planned project
- Information on environmental management after project implementation
- Information on other environmental management

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Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised, and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/ MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

1) Shri. Rajesh Bele, Founder President, Sanjivani Paryavaran Samajik Sanstha, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>The EIA report submitted by the industry is false. The said EIA report is duplicate like the previous hearings. M. P. C. Board has not read the EIA report. The air quality index submitted by the industry is old. Also, there was no representative either from Gram Panchayat or the pollution control board was present during monitoring of air quality. The values of air quality has been mishandled & submitted. The local people are repeatedly mislead during the Public Hearings. M. P. C. Board has issued Show Cause Notice to the existing industry for their air pollution issues. Also, bank guarantee of Rs. 5.0 Lakhs has been forfeited. The presentation was not clearly visible to the everyone. Also, the action taken details are not mentioned in the presentation. The villages like Upparwahi, Chandur, Lakhmapur, Thutra, Sonapur, Korpana, Rajura & Gadchandur are affected by air pollution but still permission for conducting the said public hearing is given. The condition of roads is dilapidated in this area. Due to this the people cannot travel during nighttime. There is no speed limit for transportation vehicles. Also, no rules are followed by these vehicles. Information regarding air pollution</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.</p>

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	<p>control measures is not given during presentation. The farmers are not given compensation for their crop loss due to air pollution from mineral transportation. The villagers are filing complaints to Hon'ble District Collector, but no action is being initiated. The shed installed during the last public hearing had flown but still environmental clearance was granted to that project. We strongly oppose the Public Hearing. If the Environmental clearance is granted to the project then we will ask the court the intervene.</p>	
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2) Shrimati Jijabai Marotirao Balki, Upparwahi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Ambuja Cement is in existence since 2020 in this area. I am working through Bachat Gats since then. All the Bachat Gats have been attached to Ambuja Foundation & are working with them. They have provided water pumps to all the 12 villages. Also Ambuja cement has provided drinking water facility in the villages. Ambuja Cement has provided gram panchayat hall, health facilities, provided roads & has provided employment to local women. We have established Ekta Self Help Group with the help of Ambuja Foundation. Around 25-30 women are employed with the help of this group which includes widow & helpless women. We have started 03 canteens in the area in which 25-30 people have been provided with employment. Also, they have purchased vehicles through which they are employed. Company shall take adequate measures to control air pollution. Also, company shall provide compensation for the losses. A police station shall be established in the area to control the nuisance in the area.</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.</p>

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Company has provided employment to the local people & has sent them to cities like Nagpur, Pune & Mumbai.		
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3) Shrimati Chanda Ramgirwar, Ekta Mahila Sakshamikaran Sanstha, Hardona, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	2830 women are attached to our institution. Women are empowered with the help of Ambuja Cement Foundation which includes agricultural related business, widows & helpless women doing labour work, etc. Also, construction of roads & crematorium is done in the village. Health facilities are provided by Ambuja Cement Foundation. The women are attached to the banks through Bachar Gats. Finance of Rs. 6.0 Crores have been provided to the women for agricultural & business. Tree plantation has also been carried with the help of Bachat Gats. Also, guidance workshops have been conducted for young ladies. Sanitary pad machine has been made available in Piparda Village thereby creating employment for local women. Ambuja cement is guiding for all the above works. It is requested to the company to provide adequate control measures for air pollution. Also, company shall provide health, educational & other facilities.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.

4) Shrimati Mehraj Tahir Sheikh, Piparda, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Sampada Mahila Bachat Gat was started in the village with the help of Ambuja Foundation which has helped	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.

	in women empowerment. It has also helped in establishing business. Bachat Gats has helped in starting Sanitary Pad machines & other businesses thereby providing employment to local women.	
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5) Shri. Abaji Haribhau Bobade, Dy. Sarpanch, Pimpalgaon, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Library has been provided in our village through CSR funds. Hospitals have also been provided. Roads have been constructed. Ambuja Cement Foundation has provided various facilities in our village. My village is located at around 2 km to 2.5 kms from the mine. It is requested to provide water for irrigation to farmers, drinking water & water in canals. Company shall construct ponds & barrages in the village. Company shall provide adequate pollution control measures in order to avoid any losses of local people. All the facilities shall be provided by the company in the village. Company shall provide employment to educated unemployed persons. I have filed a complaint regarding air pollution due to M/s. Ultratech Cement before Hon'ble District Collector, Chandrapur & M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur but till date my complaint has not be resolved. I request the pollution control board to resolve the said issue. The water levels has depleted due to Ultratech Cement. The M. P. C. Board shall direct the industry to provide adequate pollution control systems. The project proponent shall take care that no such situation arises in this area.</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.</p>

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6) Sau. Indira Gitesh Bandwal, Tantamukti Member, Thutra, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1.	Ambuja Cement Foundation has regularly provided guidance to the Bachat Gats in the area which has helped in starting businesses like, poultry farming, garment business & dairy. Women are empowered with help of Bachat Gats & Ambuja Cement Foundation.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.

7) Shri. Shubham Purushottam Thipe, Member, Gram Panchayat Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company shall take adequate measures to avoid damages in the surrounding areas. Company has not provided employment to the land losers whose land are acquired by them since last 15-20 years which includes the names such as Shri. Sudhakar Patil Bhojekar, Shri. Vinayak Patil Pimpalshende & Shri Gosavi Patil. It is requested to provide employment to the land losers immediately. The 33 feet road near the farm of Shri. Pimpalshende shall not be closed. Also, the road near house of Shri. Pandurang Potraje shall not be closed. The transportation of minerals has been diverted through Thutra village due to construction of Railway Crossing at Gadchandur. The condition of roads is dilapidated due to mineral transportation. Company shall immediately construct the same road. The educated unemployed shall be given employment in the project only.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.

8) Sau. Varsha Dinesh Lekalwar, Bhendvi, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Facilities have been made available due to Ambuja Cement Foundation. Crematorium has been developed & oxygen park has been started. Ambuja Cement Foundation has done women empowerment. Unemployed women have been employed. Health & educational facilities has been provided. 20 women has been awarded the work of Pustak Pari for providing study material to the poor students. 20 health workers have been nominated for providing health facilities. Company shall continue the developmental works in the future also.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.

9) Shri. Satish Suresh Betawar, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	One project of limestone mine has been commissioned & public hearing of the second project is scheduled today. But the PAPs are suffering till date & there is no solution to it. The PAPs are waiting for justice from the Hon'ble Court & Ambuja Cement. Ambuja Cement is in existence since 1991 but they have not done any developmental work in Gadchandur City. Gadchandur city is suffering from the air pollution of the industry. But the company is utilizing their CSR funds in other villages instead of Gadchandur City. Company is providing employment to the outsiders instead of local people. The local people are being transferred to other plants of the company or they	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.

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	<p>are asked to take Voluntary Retirement from the service. A person's farm is surrounded by the mines from all sides, due to which it is getting very difficult for him to cultivate crops. The reason shall be given for non-acquiring his land. The information regarding measures to be adopted for environmental damage shall be given during this Public Hearing. We demand to protect the environment & justice for project affected persons. Ambuja Cement has not done any work in Gadchandur City Council area. Company shall provide information regarding measures taken for protecting the environment. Also, the company shall acquire the land of the person.</p>	
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10) Answers given by the Project Proponent:-

Sr. No.	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>The EIA report is prepared by NABL accredited environment consultant. The baseline survey was carried out in the year 2021 & 2024. The bank guarantee of Cement unit has been forfeited by M. P. C. Board & not of the mine. Out of the total investment, around 20% of capital has been reserved towards environmental protection which includes various types of water sprinklers, advanced bag filters provided. Water sprinklers are provided for mineral transportation. Also, tree plantation is done in abundance. Company will take necessary follow-up & provide necessary help for establishing police station at Transport Nagar. Company has provided employment to 90% of local people. Local people will be given priority while providing employment. Company is not doing any compulsion for taking VRS to any employee & will not do any compulsion in future also. The road near Pimpalgaon will not be closed. If any situation arises, then solution will be derived after conducting a meeting with the villagers.</p>

11) Shri. Satish Ganpatrao Uplanchiwar, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Project Proponent shall give the definition of local people. Project shall commission in the village. Employment</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.</p>

	<p>will be generated due to the project. Local people are not given priority in the employment. Company shall give priority to local people for employment. The people whose land is partially acquired are given employment & are sent to other states. The family is solely dependent on these people & they are unwillingly taking VRS. Therefore, it is requested to keep the local people in this project till their retirement.</p>	
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12) Shri. Vikram Yerne, Corporator & Chairman of the Standing Committee, Gadchandur Municipal Council, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>A Public Hearing was conducted on 03/05/2023. Information regarding grant of EC to the said project shall be given. The proceedings of the said public hearing are not displayed on the website of MPCB. Is the proposed 880 Hectare land been included in the old project or not? How much was the lease area of the said project? The officials of IBM, Nagpur visited the said mine on 14/01/2023. It is mentioned that company was utilizing 579.90 ha. of land & on 03/05/2023 another 500 ha of land was proposed for mining. After that another 880 ha of land is proposed in this public hearing. As per the report of IBM, company is carrying out mining activity in only 97.17 ha of land. Company is acquiring about 5000 Ha of land & is utilizing only 125 Ha of land for mining. Company shall utilize the remaining land also. The reason behind acquisition of land on large scale shall be given. Company has acquired the land near Gadchandur-Rajura Road which is of no use. Company shall develop the land which is not useful in mining for developing sports grounds or tree plantation which will not lead to</p>	<p>Project proponent informed that, the previous Public Hearing was for other lease area. The land area of that lease was 579.90 Ha. No expansion is done for that project. The Public Hearing is conducted for expansion of the existing project. Mining activity is proposed in 575 Ha of land out of 880 Ha. The land required in the future will be considered.</p>

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encroachment. The issues raised during the last Public Hearing are not answered till date. Nowadays employment is not available, if the employment is available then the person is transferred to other location, denying that leads to VRS. This is a serious issue. The company has not provided employment to the people whose land is acquired since last 20 years. Employment shall be given to them. The doubts found in the EIA report are not rectified by any company. MPCB has installed AAQM station on the building of Gadchandur Municipal Council. Nobody is seen operating the said machine, but the readings are displayed on the website of MPCB. If the said readings are incorporated in the EIA report, then it is misleading the local people. There is an issue of parking in Transport Nagar, but the company has not taken any measures. The mine pit near Thutra village is not closed which is leading to death of many people. Company has acquired 80-acre land from Gadchandur area. But Ambuja has not done any developmental work under CSR funds. Tigers are seen wandering in the mine lease area from nearby national parks such Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve. Company is lifting water from Pagadigundam Dam. But if the company constructs its private dam, then the water from Pagadigundam dam can be utilized by farmers for irrigation purpose. Construction work of National Highway is under progress in this area & bridges are being constructed. But no bridge is constructed on railway crossing. It is requested to the company to construct railway over bridge. Company shall take measures for air pollution & rise in temperature due to their project. The land of Shri. Pravin Vitthal Zade & Prashant Vitthalrao Zade is not acquired till date. Company shall take necessary decision regarding the same.

	<p>The land surrounding their farm has been acquired by the industry & they do not have any approach road to go to their farm. The road shall be made available for them. There is no bus stand & playground available for Gadchandur City. Company shall provide the acquired land for Bus stand & Playground which will help the citizens of Gadchandur City. As mentioned in the EIA Report, 100 KL water will be required by the company & additional 85 KL water will be required. Company shall construct Sewage Treatment Plant for treatment of sewage generated from Gadchandur City. The treated sewage effluent shall be reused by the company for water sprinkling purpose. The company shall provide funds to Gadchandur Municipal Council through CSR. Also, the company shall pay the taxes to Gadchandur Municipal Council for 200 acres of acquired land.</p>	
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13) Shrimati Surekha Bobade, Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company shall give priority to local people in employment. I support the said expansion project.	Project proponent informed that, priority will be given to local people during employment.

14) Shri. Manoj Bhojekar, Project Affected Farmer:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company shall give information regarding provision of employment to land losers. Company has acquired land 15-25 years ago & are conducting the Public Hearing today. Highly educated project affected persons are available in this area. Will they get	Project proponent informed that, employment to 51 people has been provided to local people out of 91. Employment will be given to the local people as per their educational qualifications. But the necessary skills are required in the

<p>priority in employment? The land of some local people is acquired 25 years ago but no mining work is done and the landowners are judicially trying to acquire their land. Will the company return the land to them? Company shall inform about environmental measures to be taken by them.</p>	<p>local people. If the local people are having the mining skills then they will get priority in employment. The land issue is sub-judice & the order of the Hon'ble Court will be followed.</p> <p>Chairman of Public Hearing Committee informed that, The project proponent shall give appropriate answers to the questions raised by the people. The whole procedure is being recorded & will be sent to the government for further decision. It is requested to raise the environmental issues & company will give appropriate answers to them. The queries related to employment & land will be solved by District administration & the company.</p>
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15) Shri. Harishchandra Thipe, Retired Teacher, Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Company has acquired the land of some people in the year 1999 & has paid compensation. But some farmers have filed a petition for more compensation in the court. Company shall implement the decision of the court to all the farmers whose land was acquired in the year 1999. Company shall not go to the higher court against the decision. Company has provided educational facilities in the area. Company shall consider the possibility of expanding the same.</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.</p>

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16) Shri. Manohar Sambhaji Kulsange, Upparwahi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Ambuja Cement is in existence since last 25 years. Several Public Hearing were conducted & I have raised some issues also. MPCB has admitted that there is pollution in this area by forfeiting the bank guarantee of Rs. 5.0 Lakhs. It is admitted that there is some environmental damage. The life expectancy of people in this area is decreased by 10-15 years. MPCB & company shall take adequate measures for people suffering from pollution. Shri. Ramkrishna Musale is suffering from crop loss due pollution from coal, cement & fly ash of the company since 2016. The problem is yet not solved even after conducting meetings with district administration & company administration. Hon'ble District Collector directed the Sub-Divisional Officer to resolve the issue at his level. The then Regional Officer of MPCB had directed the company to solve the issues of Bhendvi Village during the last Public Hearing. The report of Hon'ble District Collector, Sub-Divisional Officer & agriculture department is ready but still there is no solution. Therefore, it is requested to the company to look into the matter & resolve the issue. Expansion of existing cement project is under progress, but local people are not given employment. It is requested to the company to provide employment to 530 local people whose land has been acquired. Hariganga Cement was in existence during the year 1985-1990 before Ambuja Cement. A village coming under that limestone mine was rehabilitated near bus stand in 1 acre land, but no facilities are provided till date. Company shall provide all the</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.</p>

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	<p>facilities to the villagers of Rampur village. 10-15 villages are in existence near Ambuja Cement. Company shall help to the institution working for Tribal people & shall provide all the facilities. Company has closed the roads between Upparwahi-Sonapur, Bhendvi, Isapur & Gopalpur. It is requested to construct a pucca road between Upparwahi & Sonapur for company workers.</p>		
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17) Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee & Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	It is requested to raise the issues briefly.

18) Shri. Ramkrishna Musale, Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company is acquiring our land. The local people are being transferred to other plants of the company, or they are asked to take Voluntary Retirement from the service.	Project proponent informed that, company is not doing any compulsion for taking VRS to any employee & will not do any compulsion in future also.

19) Shri. Shubham Arun Urkunde, Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company had assured to provide employment an year ago but till date no employment is provided to project affected educated people of the village. Company shall the return the land to those, whom the company cannot provide employment. Air pollution is caused due to mineral transportation from the mine. No water sprinkling is	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 20.

	done to prevent it. Water sprinkling is done since last week because of Public Hearing. Company had given written assurance during the las public but has failed to fulfil the same.	
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20) Shri. Arun Vijayrao Ragit, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Bakhardi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Company shall inform whether they will start mining activity on the acquired land immediately or they will acquire the land today & start mining activity after 10-15 years. If the company is planning to start the mining activity after 10-15 years then company shall give compensation at the future rates. Company shall adopt Bakhardi Village through CSR. Company shall provide skill development for mining activities. If the company provides skills then manpower will be locally made available for mining activities. Company shall adopt my village in order to provide compensation for air, water & other types of pollution.</p>	<p>Project proponent informed that, electrician, welder, fitter, Gauze machine operator & security guard courses are available in Industrial Training Institute of Ambuja Cement. New trades will be incorporated as per suggestions. Company has provided employment to 90% of local people & same will be implemented in the proposed project. No bank guarantee has been forfeited by MPCB for the said mine. The Bank Guarnatee of Cement unit has been forfeited. Company is binded for environmental conservation & compliance are being done. Also, sweeping machines are deployed, water sprinklers are provided & upgraded pollution control systems has also been provided to control air pollution. Efforts are being made towards development of tribal people. Company has acquired 575 ha of land from 880 ha and mining activity will be started. Company will consider if there is any requirement of additional land. Expansion is done after receipt of approval from IBM. The guidelines of IBM are followed before starting mining activities. Also, high class safety measures are adopted for mining. The demand of adopting Bakhardi village will be considered.</p>

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	Chairman of Public Hearing Committee informed that, Company shall give appropriate answers to the questions raised by local people. The proceedings of the Public Hearing are recorded & will be submitted to the government and the government will take necessary decision. It is requested to local people to raise the questions related to environmental aspects & company will give appropriate answers to them. The questions regarding employment & CSR will be solved by district administration & company administration.
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21) Shri. Waman Bhivapure, Thutra, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	An Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted here. Other issues are being raised rather than environmental issues. The issues of employment, compensation are raised during every Public hearing. It is requested to local people to solve the issues of employment & compensation at district administration level. Ambuja Cement Foundation is working since 2000 & since then developmental works are being done in the area. There is always some advantages & disadvantages of the project. Employment opportunity are available for local people. Mineral funds, industrial development is available for district administration & facilities are provided by the company. If the project would not have started in the area then no development would have been possible. The problem of air pollution, water pollution shall be solved by discussion between MPCB & District Collector. Ambuja Cement has provided	Committee said that your say is noted.

	<p>facilities in the area. There are 3 other industries existing in this area but nobody has done remarkable work like Ambuja. Manikgarh Cement is located near to Thutra village and the village is suffering from Manikgarh Cement pollution. The representative present here have praised the Manikgarh Cement industry during their last Public Hearing. There is no pollution due to Ambuja Cement in this area. Company has done tree plantation in this area. Also, they have provided feed for animals of local farmers.</p>	
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22) Shri. Ganesh Subhash Bobade, Sonoli, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Ambuja Cement has started Industrial Training Institute. Employment is given after obtaining training. My education is completed in the said ITI & they have give employment.	Committee said that your say is noted.

23) Shri. Ganesh Natthuji Thipe, Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company has acquired the land of Shri. Nikhil Bhojekar but has not provided employment to him. Wild animals are found near our farm which is located near the mine & crops are damaged by the animals. We did not receive any compensation. Dust is getting deposited on our crops resulting in decrease in production. There are 50 unemployed persons whose apprentice has been completed but company has provide employment to only 10 people.	Chairman, environmental Public Hearing Committee informed that, company shall take note of the said issues & take appropriate steps regarding the same.

24) Shrimati Pushpa Anant More, District President, Republican Party of India (Athawale Group), Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>I have filed several complaints regarding air pollution at MPCB. There are 5-6 coal mines of WCL located in this area. There is lot of air & water pollution in this area. No drinking water is available for animals. The life expectancy of people of Chandrapur has decreased. Who is responsible for this? What measure are being taken for health issues of local people? There is lot of air & water pollution in Chandrapur District. The pollution levels in other districts is low as compared to Chandrapur District due to which the health of animals is better. Company does not provide employment to local people. Company does not provide compensation to land losers also. The district administration shall look into the matter & shall take effective steps. Pollution also occurs due to mineral transportation, company shall take effective steps.</p>	<p>Chairman, environmental Public Hearing Committee informed that, company shall take note of the said issues & take appropriate steps regarding the same.</p>

25) Shri. Vivek Bodhe, District Mahamantri, Bhartiya Janta Party, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Development will be done after industrialization. The ratio of silica will be more in the proposed project. The local people will suffer from respiratory diseases due inhalation of silica. Company shall inform about measure taken to avoid the same. We conducted a survey in which the proportion of respiratory diseases is more. The local people are furious because company</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, the emission of silica is less than 12% during mining. The content of silica is more in road dust. Company is adopting wet blasting technique for extraction of limestone due to which the dust emission will be negligible. The courses such as electrician, welder, fitter, Gauze machine</p>

does not follow the rules state by Govt. of Maharashtra to provide employment to 80% of local people. Hon'ble MLA of this area has taken cognizance about the same. Company shall provide employment to local people as per state govt. rule. Also, the local people shall have 80% share in the businesses developed in this area. Company shall inform about their policy regarding compensation due to crop loss by mineral transportation. Water levels are depleted due to mining activities. Company shall have given clarification at the outset regarding non-acquiring the land. The local people are dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. But the land losers are not given employment. Ambuja Cement has taken steps towards women empowerment only. Company shall start skill development program for the local youths & after completion of training, the youths shall be employed in the company. Environmental damage will not be tolerated. Company has submitted the report regarding CSR funds in English to the Gram Panchayats. The said report shall be submitted in Regional Language which will include the information regarding division of CSR funds to each Gram Panchayats. Company shall prepare a PPT or video to inform about the proposed & past developmental works to be done in the villages. Blasting is done during mining activities. Blasting causes cracks in the nearby houses. Company shall inform about measure taken during blasting to avoid losses. A village coming under the limestone mine was rehabilitated near bus stand in 1 acre land, but no facilities are provided till date. Company shall provide all the facilities to the villagers of Rampur village. 10-15 villages are in existence near Ambuja Cement. A magazine centre is located near Sonapur Village. There are no protective measures adopted for the

operator & security guard courses are available in Industrial Training Institute of Ambuja Cement. New trades will be incorporated as per suggestions. Company has provided employment to 90% of local people & same will be implemented in the proposed project. The mine pits generated during mining activities leads to increase in water levels. The rainwater gets deposited in these pits resulting in increase in ground water levels. No land will be acquired in the proposed project. There will be increase in production quantity only. Company has allotted funds of Rs. 4.0 Crores in CSR which will include all the villages of the area. Mining activities are carried out as per guidelines of IBM. As per IBM rules, 650 meter buffer zone shall be kept around the magazine area but we have kept buffer zone of around 800 meters. The magazines are regularly checked & are used after compliance of all the norms. The doctors of the company carry out regular check-ups in all the villages & provide medicines to the diseased. This will be improved further with discussion with villages. Agreement has been made for lifting of water from Pagadigundam Dam. But the mine water is utilized for dust suppression. Water from Pagadigundam Dam is not lifted by the company. The water collected in the mine pits are increasing the ground water levels. Wildlife conservation plan is prepared under the guidance of Deputy Conservator of Forests. But no existence of wild animals was found in the area.

<p>same. Company shall inform about the same. The proportion of Silia increases due to blasting activities which leads to serious respiratory issues. Company shall prepare health report in Marathi language & submit it to the concerned Gram Panchayats. Also, pamphlets regarding the same shall be distributed. If the above-said points are resolved then it will lead to protest from the villagers & company will be solely responsible.</p>		
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26) Shri. Nikhil Sudhakar Bhojekar, Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>The land of Shri. Sudhakar Bhojekar having s. no. 40 was acquired by Ambuja Cement formerly known as Maratha Cement Works. The provision of providing employment of class-3 & 4 level was mentioned in the agreement. But till date permanent employment is not given to the project affected persons. We oppose the Public Hearing. I am submitting written objection raised on Public Hearing at Bhendvi on 04/05/2023 on behalf of Shri. Pradip alias Pappu Deshmukh, Former corporator & Founder President of Janvikas Sena. It is requested to overview the said objection by all the govt. officials. The public hearing conducted today is illegal as the previous public hearing at Bhendvi. The govt. has bypassed the rules & regulation while conducting the Public Hearing. The govt. & district administration has sent several notices to the company regarding violation of agreement done by the company instructing them to cancel the agreement. The cancellation procedure is pending since last two & a half years without any reason. The govt. & district</p>	<p>Committee said that your say is noted.</p>

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administration is backing Ambuja Cement illegally. Shri. Pappu Deshmukh had asked to cancel the Public Hearing dtd. 04/05/2023 on our behalf. But still the govt. is giving permission to Ambuja Cement illegally. The govt. & District administration is giving permission to expansion project even after submitting proofs to MPCB & govt. officials & cancellation of Public Hearing. The govt. has organized a Public Hearing for expansion of Ambuja Cement Upparwahi today at Lakhmapur. The role of MPCB & district administration is under scrutiny due to regular conduction of Public Hearing even after cancellation of land agreements since last two & a half years. The senior officials of the govt. are getting benefitted by the company to acquire permission for the proposed projects. Due to personal reasons Shri. Pappu Deshmukh could not attend the said Public Hearing. It is requested to the government & district administration cancel the said Public hearing & to cancel the permission granted to the company for excavation in Bhendvi village. If the said Public Hearing is not cancelled then there will not be any option but to file complaints against the govt. officials for conducting illegal Public hearings & ask for justice. Therefore, it is requested to take a note of the points raised in the minutes & take necessary action.

27) Shri. Kishor Haujkar, Warora, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I have received industrial training through Ambuja Cement. Ambuja Cement has done tree plantation in the area.	Committee said that your say is noted.

**28) Shri. Arvind Dohe, Corporator, Municipal Council Gadchandur,
Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>There are 3 nos. of cement industries such as Ambuja Cement, Ultratech, L & T Cement operating in this area. All the 3 cement industries are causing air, water & noise pollution. The health of local people is getting affected due to pollution. They are infected with skin, lungs & ear disorders. Also, the crops are getting affected due to dust pollution. The health of people & environment will get affected due to the said limestone mining project due to which I strongly oppose the project. Will the project affected person will be given priority in employment? Will the local people get 80% priority in employment through Gram Panchayat/Municipal Council quota? The project affected persons will bear the loses due to depletion in ground water levels due to mining & blasting activities. Will the company provide compensation for the same? The roadside crops will get affected due to mineral transportation. Will the company provide compensation for the same? The funds for developmental works in the village have been incorporated in the CSR or not? Company has adopted various villages & carried out developmental works. Similarly, company shall adopt Gadchandur city & shall develop the city under CSR. Health facilities shall be provided for the people of adopted villages. If the house are getting damaged due to blasting then compensation shall be paid to them.</p>	<p>Committee said that your say is noted.</p>

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**29) Shri. Shankar Todase, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Mangi (Bu.),
Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Ambuja Cement company has provided employment to 300 people as compared to other cement industries. Ambuja Cement is guiding towards increasing crop yield, water & maintaining crop yield of the land. Company has done remarkable work in the field of health, education & women empowerment. Company has planted trees in the villages. They have established oxygen plant in the village. I have provided employment to 80 persons in the area. My village has participated in smart village competition. Also, my village has received third rank at Divisional Level in Majhi Vasundhara Competition. Company shall provide employment to local people. Company shall create a buffer zone of 200-300 meters & plant trees in it to arrest the dust emissions which will benefit the nearby agricultural fields. 50% of district mineral fund shall be made available for the concerned Gram Panchayats.</p>	<p>Committee said that your say is noted.</p>

30) Sau. Sanjivani Pergami, Hardona, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Ambuja Cement Company has provided health facilities in the area. Company has also organized health camps. I support the proposed project.</p>	<p>Committee said that your say is noted.</p>

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31) Sau. Sunanda Satish Shinde, Hardona, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	We have provided toilets to 28 remaining houses by Ekta Swayamsahayta Sanstha with the help of Ambuja Cement Foundation & govt. schemes. Also 560 toilets in 12 villages have been provided. Ambuja Cement foundation has provided drinking water facility in the village. They have constructed hospital. Also, they have nominated Pustak Pari for helping poor children for their education.	Committee said that your say is noted.

32) Shri. Vijay Anandrao Pidurkar, Former ZP member, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company shall provide compensation as per LAAR Act, 2013 Redi reckoner rate as on today & shall provide employment to local people as per their educational qualification. Company has not carried out survey of students of technical, medical & other faculties and are proposed to provide employment to 95 skilled labour & 92 semiskilled as per EIA report. Company shall provide information regarding plantation of trees like Kadunimb, Apta, Karanj, Shiras, Ashoka, Bamboo, Banyan, Pimpal, etc. for green belt development. The blasting activities are affecting the nearby villages which is resulting in depletion of ground water levels, non-availability of irrigated area. Company shall give compensation to such people. The crops are getting damaged due to mineral transportation. A survey shall be conducted by Agriculture	Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee informed that, environmental issues shall be raised during the public hearing. The points raised during the public hearing are noted & are recorded in the minutes. No criminal complaint is filed during the Public Hearing.

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	<p>Department & compensation shall be provided as per market rates. Has company taken workshop for educated Project affected youths? CSR report is not included in EIA report. What will be the budget for core & buffer zone? Company shall inform about effects on wild animals & biodiversity. The fund utilized under CSR have decreased in COVID period from 2020-21 to 2021-22.</p>	
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33) Shri. Ashish Derkar, Taluka Correspondent, Daily Lokmat, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Environmental clearance will be granted to the industry even after several complaints filed by us. Ambuja Cement company has done remarkable work as compared to other cement companies in the area. There are 4 cement industries such as Ambuja, Manikgarh, Ultratech & Dalmia in Korpana Taluka. They are causing lot of air, water & noise pollution in the area due to negligence attitude of pollution control board thereby causing health issues among local people. It is requested to MPCB to take action against all the 4 cement industries in the area to control air pollution. Two years ago, a protest was organized by the residents of Gadchandur city. But still MPCB has not taken any stringent action against M/s. Manikgarh Cement. If the company increases its expenditure for provision of pollution control systems instead of CSR, then it will automatically help local people to maintain their health. MPCB along with the concerned industry is responsible for diagnosis of cancer like diseases amongst local people. MPCB shall take care of health of local people. Mining activity is done due to abundance of</p>	<p>Committee said that your say is noted.</p>

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<p>minerals in the area. But the District Mineral Fund is not utilized in this area. DMF is utilized for development of other villages & talukas of Chandrapur District. 60% of the DMF shall be utilized for Korpana Taluka & Gadchandur City & remaining shall be utilized for other parts of the Korpana Taluka. It is requested to Hon'ble District Collector to utilize the DMF for developmental works.</p>	
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34) Shri. Gautam Bhasarkar, President, Panchasheel Sanstha, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Company has constructed the village roads for going into the farm. Company has done remarkable work towards environment. But the newspapers are publishing false news regarding pollution about Ambuja Cement. They are trying to pollute the environment of this area by publishing false news. A news was published only on 28/09/2024 about pollution due to Manikgarh Cement. If pollution is caused by Manikgarh Cement, how ambuja cement can held responsible for pollution? Ambuja Cement has provided facilities in the area. All the other cement industries have not provided any facilities. Ambuja Cement has provided mobile ambulances in the area.</p>	<p>Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee informed that, environmental issues shall be raised.</p>

35) Shri. Ankush Salam, Member, Gram Panchayat Bhendvi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Bhendvi village is located around 1 km from the company. Ambuja cement is</p>	<p>Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee informed that,</p>

	<p>doing remarkable work towards abatement of pollution. Ambuja cement has constructed ponds in the farms. Ambuja Cement company has done developmental works during Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan. My village has received third rank at Nagpur Divisional Level.</p>	<p>environmental issues shall be raised.</p>
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36) Shri. Dinkar Pawde, Sukali, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>It has been told that the executive summary comprises of 17 points & all the points will be implemented by the industry. It is mentioned in the summary that, 2000 trees per hectare will be planted & green belt will be developed. The height of the trees shall be specified. 50sq. ft of land per tree is proposed which means around 2.0 Lakh trees will be planted in the area. 82 species of animals have been included in the summary. But the animals are going into the agricultural fields & are responsible for crop loss. Company shall inform about wildlife conservation. Trees like bamboo, fruit bearing trees & Kadunimb shall be included in the plantation. Village pimpalgaon is located at 150 meters from the mine. As per IBM rules, mining activity cannot be carried out within 150 meters. Information regarding measures shall be given. Rehabilitation shall be considered for the villages located near mining area. Lot of mineral funds will be deposited from this area. DMF shall be utilized for development of local people. It is requested to the Hon'ble Chairman to cancel the public hearing if the assurances of the previous public hearing are not fulfilled. Around 1.0 Lakh litre water is required for dust suppression. But information about availability of water shall be</p>	<p>Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee informed that, environmental issues shall be raised.</p>

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37) Shri. Gopal Kotnake, Sonapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Mining area is located at 10-meter distance from Saleguda Village but not protection wall is provided. If the protection wall is provided, then animals or humans will not fall & no losses will be harmed. Security guard shall also be deployed.	Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee informed that, environmental issues shall be raised.

38) Shri. Rajkumar Bawane, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Development will be done due to the project & local people will get employment. Therefore, I support the project.	Committee said that your say is noted.

39) Shri. Saurabh Raut, Thutra, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I am apprentice student in Ambuja Cement. I have completed my education in company's ITI.	Committee said that your say is noted.

40) Shri. Anil Shridhar Kaurase, Dy. Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Upparwahi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	There is no pollution due to Ambuja Cement. Manikgarh Cement is responsible for heavy air pollution.	Committee said that your say is noted.

41) Shri. Rupesh Mukund Rohane, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I support the Public Hearing.	Committee said that your say is noted.

42) Shri. Purushottam Nibrad, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Presently, the groundwater levels are depleted at huge extent. Company shall give written assurances regarding measure taken for recharging the ground water. MPCB shall also monitor the same. Employment shall be made available for local people. The local bachat gats had to take finance from banks at Hirai Mahotsav. Has the company actually helped the local bachat gats or not? Information about measure taken while blasting shall be given by the company. Company shall provide the local residents with pollution compensation allowance for crop loss.	Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee informed that, written representation regarding the points regarding economic & CSR funds shall be given. Only Environmental issues shall be raised during the Public Hearing.

43) Shri. Dange, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Thutra, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company shall provide free education to all the students of 12 villages in their institute. The apprentice students shall be given employment in the project. Company shall conduct meeting with all the 12 villages & shall solve the issues. At least 50 farmers are suffering from	Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee informed that, only Environmental issues shall be raised during the Public Hearing.

transportation of minerals. Compensation shall be given to them. The limestone shall be utilized in the existing cement unit only.	
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44) Shri. Sandip Tukaram Bawane, Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	It is requested to the company to plant tree along roadside which will not harm the crops. The speed for the transporting vehicles shall be maintained which will decrease the accidents.	Committee said that your say is noted.

45) Shri. Bhaskar Wadaskar, Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Lakhmapur village is suffering from air pollution & the company has not taken any pollution control measures. The level of pollution shall be decreased. Company shall give compensation to the farmers whose crops are getting damaged due to animals. Company shall provide employment to local people.	Committee said that your say is noted.

46) Shri. Arun Jumnake, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Lakhmapur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company is working since 2008-2010. Water scarcity problem is existing in the area. The water from borewells is exhausted. Groundwater levels are	Committee said that your say is noted.

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	depleted. Company shall take effective steps for increasing groundwater levels. Company shall give compensation to the farmers whose crops are damaged. The road between Lakhmapur to Pimpalgaon shall not be closed. Mud is found during monsoon season in front of company's entrance which causes accidents. Company shall take necessary steps.	
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47) Shri. Vasudev Balki, Upparwahi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Will the company comply with all the conditions?	Committee said that your say is noted.

48) Shri. Shankar Atram, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Kukkudsath, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Provision shall be made for employees during tree plantation.	Committee said that your say is noted.

49) Eng. Shri. Suraj Aglawe, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	What measures will be taken for land filling?	Committee said that your say is noted.

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**50) Shri. Sudhir Deorao Thipe, Teacher, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana,
Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	There is no provision of lake in Lakhmapur Village. Due to which village is suffering from water scarcity. The conservation of water, forest & land is necessary. Company has done tree plantation but their conservation is necessary.	Committee said that your say is noted.

Online participants present during the Public Hearing are as follows:-

**51) Shri. Vaibhav Moreshwar Badkhal, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana,
Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company shall plant trees at huge extent & shall conserve the same. Company shall take measure regarding increase in ground water levels. Company shall provide payment for planting trees to the farmers which will help in decreasing the air pollution. Company has provided compound wall to the mine area.	Committee said that your say is noted.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing briefed the people present if there are any other question/issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question. He announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.

Enclosed total 179 no. of suggestions received, objections are attached.

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Chairman of the Public
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Additional District
Magistrate, Chandrapur
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